

THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

Elder Adam S. Bennion of the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

Elder Thomas E. McKay, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

Elder Oscar A. Kirkham of the First Council of Seventy.

Paul A. Callis, president of Reno Stake.

George S. Spencer, member of the General Church Auditing Committee.

Ralph E. Woolley, first president of Oahu Stake, and former president of the Hawaiian Temple.

STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT — 1957

For the Information of the Members of the Church:

The First Presidency issued the following statement concerning the condition and operation of the Church for the year 1957. The statement will include two sections: first, Statistical Information; and second, Financial Data.

I. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Number of Stakes of Zion at close of 1957	251
an increase of 12 during the year	
Number of Wards	2,081
Number of Independent Branches	281
Total Wards and Independent Branches at close of year	2,362
an increase of 152 during the year	
Number of Full-Time Missions at end of year	45

Church Membership, December 31, 1957:

In the Stakes	1,233,397
In the Missions	254,917
Total Membership	1,488,314
an increase of 71,583 during the year	

Church Growth during 1957:

Children blessed in Stakes and Missions	51,044
Children baptized in Stakes and Missions	33,245
Converts baptized in Stakes and Missions	30,129
an increase of 4,948 in convert baptisms over the preceding year.	

Social Statistics:

(of membership in the Stakes, 1957)	
Birth rate per thousand	34.92
Marriage rate per thousand	7.94
Death rate per thousand	5.38

Priesthood:

Members holding the Aaronic Priesthood December 31, 1957:	
Deacons	65,605
Teachers	53,729
Priests	66,958
Total number holding Aaronic Priesthood	186,292
an increase of 8,958 during the year	
Members holding the Melchizedek Priesthood December 31, 1957:	
Elders	139,541
Seventies	21,480
High Priests	41,967
Total number holding Melchizedek Priesthood	202,988
an increase of 7,791 during the year	
Grand total, members holding Aaronic or Melchizedek Priesthood.....	389,280

Auxiliary Organizations:

Relief Society (membership)	183,436
an increase of 10,714 over the preceding year	
Deseret Sunday School Union (Preliminary report of average attendance)	548,318
an increase of 56,856 over the preceding year	

Friday, April 4

First Day

Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (Enrollment)	214,087
an increase of 35,169 over the preceding year	
Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association (Enrollment)	191,275
an increase of 16,302 over the preceding year	
Primary (Children Enrolled)	268,954
an increase of 15,378 over the preceding year	

Welfare Plan:

Number of persons assisted from Bishops' Storehouses, and those assisted from Fast Offerings in 1957	67,878
Number placed in remunerative employment during year	8,896
Man-days of work donated to the Welfare Plan during year	143,143
Unit-days of equipment use donated	12,361

Genealogical Society:

Number of names cleared in 1957 for the performance of ordinances in the Temples	829,708
an increase of 81,410 over the preceding year	
Genealogical records microfilmed in 9 countries during the year were equivalent to 83,692 printed volumes of approximately 300 pages per volume:	

Temples:

Number of ordinances performed during 1957 in the 10 operating Temples:	
For the living	35,366
For the dead	3,211,934
Total number of ordinances	3,247,300
an increase of 621,808 over the preceding year	

Church School System:

Total 1957 cumulative enrollments in the Church School System (including schools in the Pacific):	
College Students	19,322
Elementary and High School Students	48,174

Missionaries:

Number of missionaries who at the close of 1957 were laboring under calls from the First Presidency in the full-time missions	5,387
an increase of 284 during the year	
Number of other missionaries laboring at the close of 1957 in full-time missions	1,229
Number engaged in missionary work in the Stakes at the close of the year .. Total number of missionaries at end of year	6,366
Number of missionaries who received training in the Missionary Home during 1957	12,982
	2,518

II. EXPENDITURES OF THE CHURCH IN 1957

(From Church General Funds and from Other Contributions)

For Missions and Missionary Work	\$12,137,175
(not including an estimated \$4,600,000 paid by members and friends for support of missionaries, and not including value of the time given by missionaries.)	
For Ward and Stake Buildings and Activities	21,591,703
For Construction and Operation of Temples	2,189,040
For Church Schools	10,351,171
For Welfare	6,242,500
(not including value of donated labor.)	
For Buildings and Grounds not Included Elsewhere	951,084
For Genealogical Society	1,508,412
For Expenses of the Auxiliary General Boards and of the Primary Children's Hospital	564,945
For General Administrative Expenses of the Church	2,094,889
For All Other Purposes	514,944

President David O. McKay:

Elder Joseph Anderson has just read the statistical data, financial expenditures, etc., relating to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 1957. Elder Orval W. Adams will now read the report of the Church Auditing Committee, after which we shall hear from President Joseph Fielding Smith.

Elder Orval W. Adams of the Church Auditing Committee read the following report:

Salt Lake City, Utah
March 31, 1958

President David O. McKay and
Counselors, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Brethren:

We have reviewed the Report of the Income and Expenditures of the Corporation of the President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for

the year 1957. The record keeping shows evidence of great care and the reports prepared are clear and concise. An adequate system of internal audit control has been maintained. Expenditures are well within the income of the Church and it is indicated that expenses have been held below the figures budgeted. We have been assured that the Church is free from debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Orval W. Adams
Harold H. Bennett
Church Auditing
Committee.

President David O. McKay:

We shall now hear from President Joseph Fielding Smith, President of the Council of the Twelve Apostles. He will be followed by Elder S. Dilworth Young.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH FIELDING SMITH

Of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

I will address my remarks, if I may have the right inspiration, to the fathers and mothers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, likewise to those who are engaged in the organizations of the Church looking after the youth of Israel.

Some few months ago I read in the paper that the majority of crimes committed in the United States were committed by those who were of teen ages. That was a shock to me and I think to thousands of others, many thousands throughout this land, for it seemed to be so unusual and a trend that boded only evil for this country. We have been troubled even in our own city, and this trouble has existed in all parts of the land, with vandalism, the wanton destruction of property, crimes by children and teen-agers, which show a tendency that will lead only to serious trouble within the borders of our country in years to come.

So I appeal to you, my dear brethren and sisters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, to take advantage of every opportunity the Church affords to have

your children trained in the various organizations provided for them by the revelations of the Lord: the Primary, the Sunday School, the Mutual Improvement organizations, and the quorums of the Lesser Priesthood under the direction of our bishoprics.

I hope that you are teaching your children in your homes to pray. I hope that you are having family prayers, morning and evening, that your children are taught by example and by precept to observe the commandments that are so precious and so sacred and mean so much to our salvation in the kingdom of God.

The Lord said in a revelation given to the Church in 1831:

And again, inasmuch as parents have children in Zion, or in any of her stakes which are organized, that teach them not to understand the doctrine of repentance, faith in Christ the Son of the living God, and of baptism and the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of the hands, when eight years old, the sin be upon the heads of the parents.

For this shall be a law unto the in-